

HONORING PAUL WILEY OF
TAYLOR MILL, KENTUCKY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Wiley of Taylor Mill, Kentucky. Mr. Wiley is a former U.S. Army aviator who now dedicates his time to organizing programs and events to benefit active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.

In 2007, Mr. Wiley joined forces with the Moose Riders Club of Moose Lodge #1469 in Covington to raise funds for the A/101 Aviation Association Memorial Scholarship Fund. With support from local military units and the Sikorsky Helicopter company, their first fundraiser raised more than \$16,000 for the scholarship fund.

Mr. Wiley and the Moose Riders also sponsor the members of the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, a unit that deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. Over the summer, Mr. Wiley and his friends worked with residents and local businesses throughout Northern Kentucky and the Cincinnati area to help the soldiers have a little extra fun with their families while home on their 2-week furlough from Afghanistan. Through fundraisers and generous donations, Mr. Wiley's initiative ensured six soldiers and their families enjoyed a "mini-vacation" complete with donated hotel rooms, dinners, and tickets to amusement parks and museums.

Currently, Mr. Wiley is busy spearheading plans for a January welcome home celebration to mark the return of the unit from Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Mr. Paul Wiley, the members of Moose Riders Club, and all the people in the Northern Kentucky region who have contributed to this local effort to support service members, veterans, and their families.

HONORING ROBERT ZWEIMAN,
JEWISH WAR VETERAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Zweiman for his dedicated and tireless service to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Mr. Zweiman selflessly and bravely served this country in the Philippines during World War II. Upon returning home, he took advantage of the Montgomery G.I. Bill and received a bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from New York University. With this educational foundation, Mr. Zweiman became an exceptional attorney-at-law, specializing in corporate and family law.

Even with his busy professional life, Mr. Zweiman always found the time to contribute his time and talents to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV). He began with the organization as editor of his local JWV Post Newsletter and currently

serves as a member of the JWV Policy Committee as well as a member of the organization's Executive Committee. Mr. Zweiman has made numerous contributions throughout his prestigious 61-year career with the JWV, including developing the JWV's Allied Veterans Mission to Israel program, creating and developing a direct mail program to provide funding for JWV programs, and designing and coordinating renovations of the Jewish War Veterans Museum in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Zweiman's continued exemplary service to this nation is rightfully honored today. Thank you for all you have done and God bless the United States of America.

A TRIBUTE TO DEACON WILLIAM
DEWALT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deacon William Dewalt.

Deacon William Dewalt was born in Galveston, Texas in 1930. He attended Dixon High School in Shepherd, Texas, where he played basketball. During his school days, he was voted "All-Around Boy" by his fellow basketball teammates. While in high school, he met Gloria Jean Mitchell, who later became his wife, and together they had seven children.

After school, William joined the United States Army and served for two years. He was stationed in Korea. William and Gloria settled in New York City in the mid 1950s. He secured employment with the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier. After thirty years of service, he retired in 1989.

In 1954, Deacon Dewalt joined the Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Aaron A. Wood and was ordained to the Deacon Ministry. He has served in this capacity for more than 50 years.

Deacon William Dewalt is a man of few words, however, when he gives his word one can truly count on him. One might say that he held on to his title given so many years ago by his teammates—"All-Around Boy", and became an "All-Around Man". He believes in helping in anyway that he can and he helps without thinking twice.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deacon William Dewalt, a faithful servant and "All-Around Man".

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
GEM STATE YOUNG MARINES

HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor an extraordinary youth education program that serves boys and girls in Idaho. The Gem State Young Marines is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Red Ribbon Week on October 17, 2009.

This program serves youths from the age of 8 through high school in the Treasure Valley. It encourages young people to find strength within themselves by learning life-changing

skills. Important talents such as determination, discipline, strength and integrity are all taught through a variety of team building events and activities.

The Young Marines focus on community service, specifically reducing drug use in teens and young adults. The group strives to instill the core values of honor, courage and commitment, adopted by the Marine Corps, to each of their members. Each young marine is required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of community service each year to qualify for the Young Marine Community Service Ribbon. The Young Marines focus on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership, as well as promoting a healthy, drug free lifestyle. Helping people in their formative years reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs deserves our sincere admiration and respect.

It is important that we recognize the service of groups such as the Gem State Young Marines. The Gem State Young Marines should be extremely proud of all the work they have done for communities in Idaho. I applaud this group and their members for their efforts, their actions show that Americans of all ages can—and do—make a profound difference in communities across the country.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence, a widespread tragedy that indiscriminately affects families of all races and classes, is a serious crime that has no social barriers. From our own family members to medical professionals to educators to law enforcement officers to community/clergy leaders—we must all work together to ensure that we are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of domestic violence and, in turn, prevent the crime from continuing throughout our communities.

I have seen firsthand the impact this issue has on individuals in urban and rural areas alike. Domestic violence crosses economic lines, geographic lines and ethnic lines. In 2008, Miami-Dade and Broward County had a total of 18,312 reported domestic violence cases varying from offenses such as aggravated assault to stalking to forcible rape. With so many of these unsettling offenses taking place in my District, I will continue to ensure that significant progress is being made on this issue during my tenure in Congress. It is vital that we direct attention to domestic violence and assure that there are available resources to assist victims and families in recovering from these abuses. We must combat this continuous plague that wreaks havoc on our increasingly-stressed health care network, our over-flowing criminal justice system, and our day-to-day life within our communities.

Florida's county and jurisdictional domestic violence offenses in 2008 totaled an unfortunate 113,123 cases. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month should remind us to continue ensuring that Federal grants made

under the Violence Against Women Act go towards essential shelter operations and support services. Moreover, we must ensure that shelters and crisis centers receive sufficient funding to provide this safety net to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Madam Speaker, I stand today before my colleagues to ask for continued support and assistance of domestic violence prevention programs. It is essential that we not only draw attention to domestic violence this month, but continue making progress on this devastating problem so that it will no longer affect our communities and families. As we remember the victims of domestic violence, we must learn from their courage and work to assure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families. In Florida and throughout our nation, education, enforcement and support are the keys to solving and breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

HONORING CAPTAIN WEI JIAFU
FOR HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I am privileged today to honor a pioneer who has helped create a strong bridge of understanding and development between the people of his country and the people of the United States of America. For over a decade Captain Wei Jiafu has been the President of COSCO, the largest ocean shipping company in the People's Republic of China. During this time Captain Wei has worked hard to increase the level of understanding between U.S. and Chinese business leaders.

Captain Wei's relationship with the U.S. has been a long and honored one. In his early years as a sea captain, Captain Wei was given special recognition by the U.S. Coast Guard for his knowledge and skill in navigating U.S. waters. In addition to Captain Wei's technical knowledge of U.S. waters, he commands a mastery of the navigational practices that make both national and international waters safe. Under Captain Wei's leadership, COSCO was the first foreign shipping company to comply with newly-enacted Homeland Security regulations governing shipping containers. As astounding as all of these accomplishments may be, Captain Wei's dedication to the U.S. goes further.

Throughout his career, Captain Wei's commitment to the American workforce has been unwavering. As President of COSCO, Captain Wei oversees the largest Chinese employer of American citizens. Under Captain Wei's guidance, COSCO has been honored by the ports of Long Beach, Seattle, New York, and Boston, for his commitment to their employees. Must notably, has been his commitment to the workers of Massachusetts, where COSCO has contributed to the creation of thousands of maritime-related jobs by establishing shipping services between the Port of Boston and ports in China. Captain Wei has even dedicated a chair to Boston's prestigious Harvard University.

In addition, Captain Wei has been instrumental in protecting our oceans. He has generously donated to the cause of cleaner oceans and the protection of sea life in Alaska.

With that in mind, I would like to commend Captain Wei for his commitment to professionalism which has facilitated both a productive and personal relationship between the people of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, I would like to recognize Captain Wei for his charitable contributions in support of higher learning in the United States and around the world. Captain Wei is truly a "Peoples' Ambassador" to the United States of America.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF
WYNMOOR IN COCONUT CREEK,
FLORIDA

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community of Wynmoor in Coconut Creek, Florida, which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this week.

Wynmoor is an active senior community in South Florida with approximately 9,000 residents, many of whom regularly mentor in local schools, volunteer for city affairs, and greatly contribute to the vitality of the City of Coconut Creek and the surrounding communities. With a PGA-recognized country club golf course, serene lakes and sparkling fountains, Wynmoor is truly a beautiful place to live, and for many who live there, a wonderful place to retire and enjoy life.

Wynmoor residents find many ways to remain active and healthy with multiple tennis courts and health and fitness facilities available to them, as well as with a multitude of social activities planned throughout the year, including cultural and social clubs, several charitable organizations, live theater, dances, movies, classes and lectures. When I visit my constituents in Wynmoor, I am always thrilled to engage with them on the issues of importance to our community because they care deeply about the issues that affect South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply proud to represent the Community of Wynmoor and all of its residents in Congress, and I wish the entire community a happy and healthy 35 more years and an enjoyable anniversary celebration this week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 772, 773, and 774, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

THE DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Disclosure of Presidential Declassification of Intelligence Information Act of 2009."

This bill will help increase transparency by requiring the White House to release public notices when classified materials are declassified. Specifically, this legislation would require the President to inform the relevant congressional committees within 15 days whenever intelligence has been declassified. The bill also contains a sense of Congress that additional notice should be given to the Director of National Intelligence, the Archivist of the United States, and the heads of the applicable elements of the intelligence community.

In January of this year, I released a report documenting several abuses and excesses of the Bush Administration. The Report, titled "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush," contained 50 separate recommendations designed to restore and support the traditional checks and balances of our constitutional system.

This bill carries out the recommendation that Congress consider legislation requiring the President to announce the declassification of classified materials.

As the report details, the Bush administration selectively leaked numerous items of classified information to strengthen the case for war in Iraq. For example, evidence suggests that President Bush secretly authorized the declassification of information without notice in an effort to neutralize Ambassador Joe Wilson's op-ed that raised questions about the case for war.

This bill will help to prevent similar future abuses and political manipulation of intelligence authority by alerting Congress when information is declassified. Such transparency in presidential delegations of declassified authority is a matter of good government regardless of who occupies the White House.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARONNIE M.
PERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sharonnie M. Perry, a great community activist.

Sharonnie has lived her life by one of her favorite mottos, "I Have Come To Serve And Not To Be Served." She has served for over 35 years as a community activist, beginning in her early days fighting against decentralization of public schools.

As founder of "Parents on the Move", a self-help organization for homeless parents and children, she advocated for affordable housing, education and employment for the